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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**List of Sections Forming Part of This
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The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

1. Preliminary Statements
2. FORM PTO/SB/08A AND 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)
3. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
4. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement
5. Identification of Person(s) Making this Information Disclosure Statement

Section 1. Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

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Section 2. FORM PTO/SB/08A AND 08B (Modified)

A completed Form PTO/SB/08A and/or 08B is attached hereto.
 No Form PTO/SB/08A and/or 08B is attached.

Section 3. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies are Submitted or Need Be Submitted

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application **U.S. Serial No. 10/266,028, filed on October 4, 2002.**

Section 4. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement.

Legible copies of all items listed in FORM PTO/SB/08A AND 08B (Modified) accompany this information disclosure statement.

Exception(s) to above:
 Items in prior application from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application, as identified in Section 3.

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The person making this statement is the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information:

- supplied by the inventor(s)
- supplied by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c)).
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AH	1,964,689			Quillen, et al.	06/01/1934	
AI	2,170,147			Lane	08/22/1939	
AJ	2,302,259			Rothfuss	11/17/1942	
AK	2,529,060			Trillich	11/07/1950	
AL	2,590,742			Williams	03/01/1952	
AM	2,621,142			Wetherell	12/09/1952	
AN	2,648,487			Linda	08/11/1953	
AO	2,774,187			Smithers	12/18/1956	
AP	2,971,312			Bell, Jr.	02/01/1961	
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AR	3,022,605			Renolds	02/27/1962	
AS	3,244,278			Weprin, et al.	04/01/1966	
AT	3,271,922			Wallerstein, et al.	09/13/1966	

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AX	3,380,220		Jennings, et al.	04/30/1968	
AY	3,431,706		Stuck	05/01/1969	
BA	3,495,378		Kipers	02/02/1970	
BB	3,508,372		Wallerstein, et al.	04/28/1970	
BC	3,552,059		Moore	01/05/1971	
BD	3,556,389		Gregoire	01/19/1971	
BE	3,557,516		Brandt	01/26/1971	
BF	3,657,840		Benoist	04/01/1972	
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BI	3,869,828		Matsumoto	03/11/1975	
BJ	3,896,604		Marantz	07/01/1975	
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BL	3,977,524		Boots	08/31/1976	
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BW	4,413,725			Bruno, et al.	11/08/1983	
BX	4,400,910			Koudstaal, et al	08/30/1983	
BY	4,561,546			Maroney	12/31/1985	
BZ	4,640,079			Stuck	08/03/1987	
CA	4,687,462			Rewitzer	08/18/1987	
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	FD	"Costa Keeps the Christmas Spirit", Supermarket Floral, Sept. 15, 1992.
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